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ARAB UNION-SPONSORED PALESTINE CONFERENCE  
DECLARES LASTING OPPOSITION TO ISRAEL

SHAFIEN DEVOTION TO CAUSE OF ISLAM -- al-Misri, 4 Nov 50

Alexandria, 3 November (special correspondent) -- The Palestine Conference, sponsored by the Ittihad al-Arabi (Arab Union), convened last night at Ittihad Hall. Among those present were Amin al-Husayni, Mufti of Palestine; Shaykh Khayri Khidja, Secretary of the Arab Higher Committee; Salih al-Ishmawi, Secretary General of the Moslem Brotherhood; as well as 1,500 Moslem Brothers.

Addressing the audience, Salih al-Ishmawi cited the struggle which the Moslem Brotherhood had put up in behalf of the Palestine cause ever since 1936. Reminding the audience of the degeneration of the Palestine struggle, al-Ishmawi said: "At one time we demanded that Palestine be Arab. Later we compromised and demanded that Jerusalem be Arab, and now we are satisfied with demanding merely the internationalization of Jerusalem." Al-Ishmawi also reminded his audience that the responsibility for the failure of the Palestine campaign rested on those who had stabbed the Arabs in the back when they ordered the first and second truce, as well as on those who had imported defective weapons for the sake of profits at the expense of the Palestine martyrs. He added: "We are ready to forgive those who have sinned against us. Our cause is a religious one and we seek no revenge."

Maurice Arqash, Secretary of the Arab Union, speaking next, criticized the way in which individual Arab statesmen, Arab states, and the Arab League handled the Palestine question. Referring to al-Ishmawi's speech, he said: "The speaker digressed from the subject. There is no room here for propaganda."

For a solution of the Palestine problem, Arqash recommended that religion not be injected into the picture. This last statement caused a great stir and the place reverberated with the cry "Islam is our religion, God is great, and praise be to him."

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"The Zionists have been the cause of the suffering of the Arab and Islamic countries which have been the result of their policy of aggression and guide us in the revolution of our struggle and started some 10 years ago."

**CALL FOR EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP IN STRUGGLE WITH ISRAEL -- al-Misri, 4 Nov 50**

Alexandria, 3 November (Special Correspondent) -- Representatives of the Arab Union, the Nationalist Party, the Muslim Brotherhood, the Egyptian Front, the Ashiqqa Party, the Nubian Club, and the Egyptian Labor Party met yesterday at the Arab Union Club to commemorate the Balfour Declaration. Drafted the following statement:

Egypt and the Arab and Moslem worlds look upon the Palestine affliction as one of the many trials encountered in their long history. This latest affliction, however, should not make them despair but rather should serve as a lesson to prompt them to correct their shortcomings and resume the struggle for their existence.

British promises to the Jews, implemented through different mediums and tricks, have resulted in the Jewish state which serves as a weapon with which the British can threaten the Arab world whose national awakening they fear. Egypt, which leads the struggle, and its sister states will not let the Jews keep Palestine, nor will they yield to the British.

These groups meeting here in Alexandria remind the Arab and Islamic worlds that their first duty consists of preventing the Jews from remaining in Palestine. Jointly with other national groups in the Arab and Moslem countries, they will seek the most effective means to attain their goal. These groups put their hope in the Egyptian army; they will ask the government to support it to the utmost and to declare the nation's readiness to sacrifice toward that end. They feel that the leadership of the Egyptian army should go to men whom the nation can trust, and that all the Arab countries should be urged to encourage military spirit among the youth.

These groups also demand that a more effective economic boycott be imposed on Israel, and that new naturalization certificates be denied Jews in Egypt. They support the acting Foreign Minister's recent statement that Egypt will accord Jews the same barbaric treatment as that which Israel accords the Arabs, and the Foreign Minister's recent statement to the effect that Egypt will never conclude peace with Israel.

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